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## **INDY PARKS TO HONOR JAMES FOSTER GAINES WITH PARK DEDICATION AND PLAY DAY**

INDIANAPOLIS – (June 11, 2009) Celebrate the life and honor the memory of Indianapolis Police Department veteran James Foster “Bruiser” Gaines at the dedication of the park named for him at 21<sup>st</sup> Street and Tibbs Avenue. Gaines served 27 years as an IPD law enforcement officer and devoted much of his time, energy and resources to mentoring youth and assisting people in need in the City of Indianapolis.

Children involved with Indy Parks’ Playground and Supervised Play programs will participate in activities at the event. Recent improvements to the park include removal of the old tennis and basketball courts and pouring of two new basketball courts, replacement of sand in the playground with new playground surface material, painting of the picnic shelter, installation of a new park sign, and grooming of the softball diamond. Life insurance organization Foresters recently donated \$10,000 for the purchase and installation of a new climbing net for the park.

**WHAT:** James Foster “Bruiser” Gaines Park Dedication and Play Day

**WHO:** Indy Parks Director Stuart Lowry; Indiana Pacers player Josh McRoberts; Front Porch Alliance Director Douglas Hairston; Foresters Member Development Specialist Laura Baltz; Walter Gaines, son of James Foster Gaines; and the Rev. Alfred Brown

**WHEN:** 11:30 a.m. Friday, June 12, 2009

**WHERE:** James Foster “Bruiser” Gaines Park  
Tibbs Avenue and 21<sup>st</sup> Street

Bike Indy. Swim Indy. Run Indy.  
**PLAY INDY!**

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